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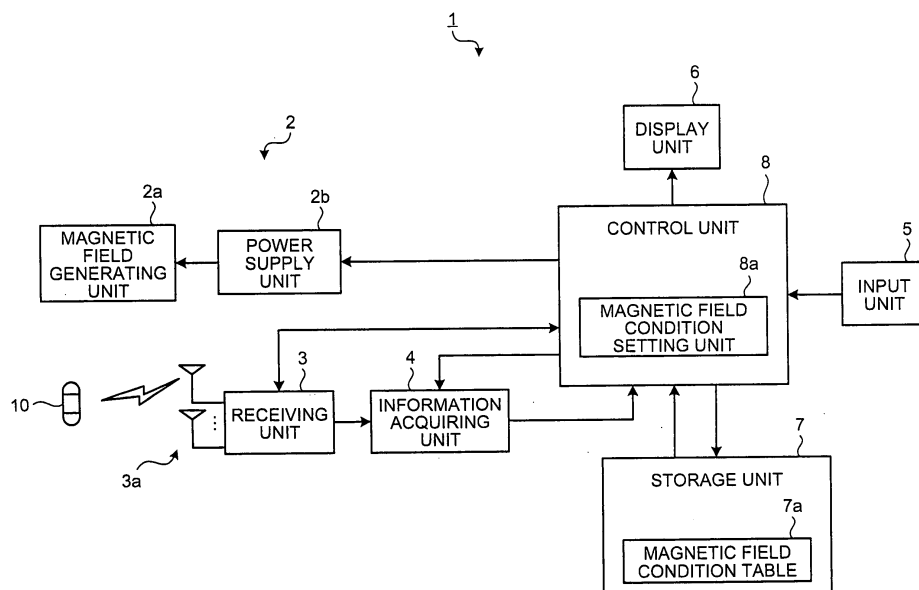
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(54) **Magnetically guiding system and magnetically guiding method**

(57) A magnetically guiding system (1) includes: a capsule medical device (10) that has a magnet provided therein; an information acquiring unit (4) that acquires physical information about magnetic guiding of the capsule medical device (10); a magnetic field generating unit (2a) that generates a magnetic field for magnetically guid-

ing the capsule medical device (10); and a control unit (8) that sets a magnetic field condition based on the physical information acquired by the information acquiring unit (4) and controls the magnetic field generating unit (2a) to generate a magnetic field corresponding to the magnetic field condition.

FIG.1





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1. claims: 1-6, 8-10, 17 and 18

directed to acquiring physical information about the swimming properties of a magnetically guided capsule medical device in a liquid based on images obtained from the device.

2. claims: 1, 2, 7, 8-9 (insofar as dependent on claim 7), 17 and 19

directed to storing and transmitting of predetermined device parameters in a magnetically guided medical device.

3. claims: 1, 11, 14-16 (insofar as dependent on claim 11), 17 and 20

directed to measuring the magnetic moment of the magnet of a magnetically guided medical device.

4. claims: 1, 2, 12, 13 and 14-16 (insofar as dependent on claims 12 or 13)

directed to determining the angle between the reference direction of an image capturing unit and the magnetisation direction of the magnet of a magnetically guided medical device.

5. claims: 1, 14 and 15-16 (insofar as dependent on claim 14)

directed to measuring the characteristics of a resonant circuit included in a magnetically guided medical device.

6. claims: 1, 15 and 16

directed to packaging a medical device.

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